



LADIES FIRST PROVIDER

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Expanded Services in the Works

Maybe you heard it from your Ladies First Health Outreach Specialist. Maybe you read it in the last Newsgram. The big news at Ladies First is we are currently expanding our services to include cardiovascular disease risk factor screenings. **Help us help others faster by getting your new agreements signed.** There are boxes for you to check indicating which services you can provide: breast and cervical cancer screening and/or the new CVD screenings. Need an agreement form? Call our Provider Support Line, 1-800-510-2282.

The Provider Agreement update process will be followed up in April with training by the Health Outreach Specialist in your area. That's when you'll get our new, improved Toolkit with updated Ladies First program information. The Health Outreach Specialist will contact your office to set up a time to meet with you and your staff.

All Ladies First members will be informed of our expanded services by April 14th.

Mammogram Reminder

Please remember to give women a **Ladies First mammogram prescription** when referring them to mammogram appointments. Mammogram facilities need these to identify our members. If you need more, please call our Provider Support Line, 1-800-510-2282.

Money Money Money...

• Keep a lookout

The Ladies First **new fee schedule** has just been printed, and will soon reach you via US mail. The new fees will be effective for services provided as of March 1, 2003, and are based on the recently released Medicare Part B fee schedule.

• Sorry, our mistake.

In previous Newsgrams, you were informed that Ladies First no longer pays for ECC (endocervical curettage). This was an error. **Ladies First does cover ECC.** The services we no longer have funds for are: pelvic and transvaginal ultrasound, vaginal biopsy, vulvar biopsy, endometrial biopsy, LEEP, cervical conization, and breast MRI.

Please remember, however, that some of the above procedures may be covered by the Medicaid Treatment Act, which allows women to enroll directly into Medicaid. To qualify, a woman must be uninsured, screened through Ladies First, and found to be in need of treatment for breast or cervical cancer or a premalignant condition. Please contact Ladies First if you have a patient who meets these criteria.

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